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Honorable Emanuel Celler
Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of April 12, 1957 requested information on how the Central Intelligence Agency has implemented the conflict-of-interest statutes governing the conduct of Federal employees.

On 15 December 1953 a notice on the subject of conflicts of interest was issued to all employees of the Agency. This notice has been a permanent part of our regulatory material since that date. This issuance was generated by Memorandum No. 40 of the Department of Justice, dated August 27, 1953, addressed to all U. S. Attorneys pertaining to the construction to be given to section 284 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code. Our notice calls the attention of each employee to the fact that conflict-of-interest situations, both legal and ethical, must be avoided and requires reporting by all employees of situations appearing to involve any conflicts of interest. Furthermore, senior officers are required to report periodically to the Inspector General on any situations appearing to involve conflicts of interest and the notice provides for review by the Agency's General Counsel of any situations which appear to violate the appropriate statutes.

Specific sections of the Code are not cited in this notice, although the attachment thereto cites section 284 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code, which is the section discussed by the Attorney General.

In the past three weeks our General Counsel's office has been engaged in drafting a regulation which will upon authentication replace the 1953 notice. This new regulation is still in draft form but generally will expand on the conflict-of-interest principles and will

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cite the specific statutory provisions involved. These will include the sections cited in your letter - 281, 283, 284, 434, and 1914 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code and section 99 of Title 5 of the U. S. Code. In addition, the regulation will make reference to sections 202 and 216 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code.

A copy of the 1953 notice is enclosed and we will be glad to make available to you our new regulation when it has been completed.

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosure

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